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## NELSON'S TAILORING PARLORS.

213 EAST MAIN STREET,  
STREATOR, ILL.

We are showing a Fine Line of Spring and Summer Woolens. If you are in need of a Summer Suit you should see them. Our prices are as low as First-Class Merchant Tailoring can be produced. You can see samples at McPherson House every two weeks.

Respectfully,

**N. NELSON.**

J. G. BAKER, Salesman.

## Special Announcement TO CASH BUYERS.

I have made arrangements with a number of the leading

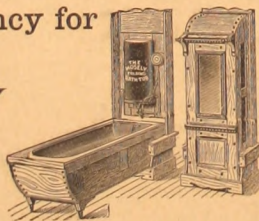
## FURNITURE AND BEDDING FACTORIES

by which I can furnish my trade anything in my line at very low prices, quality of goods considered. I now show the largest and finest assortment of

House Furnishing Goods ever placed on sale in Dwight. I also have the agency for the popular

MOSELY FOLDING BATH TUB,

The Best and Finest Thing in the Market.



## Baker's Furniture Store.

### 38 ACRES

Inside the City limits. Finest building location near Dwight Right opposite

## Renfrew Park.

For sale by Lots or Blocks at reasonable terms. Enquire of

WM. H. TAYLOR.

### Elegant Passenger Station.

The new and elegant passenger station of the Alton road is now occupied by the company's officials and their new home is certainly a daisy. The whole inside is handsomely finished in hard oak with oil, and the fine new furniture, even to the chairs and telegraph operators' table, match the finish of the office. The main office will be occupied by the following gentlemen: N. A. Coole, agent; Benj. Bell, J. Cronan, Ralph Huey, W. E. Myer, clerks; Harry Hussey, local manager Western Union Telegraph Company; Percy Eldridge, night operator. Roadmaster Thornton will have a desk upstairs. The gentlemen's and ladies' waiting rooms are also furnished with comfortable seats and everything about the building is neat and tasty, modern and convenient. The outside of the building we have described several times and will not do so again at this time. Suffice it to say it is the finest passenger station on the Alton line, and the Alton company and the people of Dwight are justly proud of it. The Alton company have lived up to their agreement, so far as the depot is concerned, with the Leslie E. Keeley Co. and the people of Dwight in grand style—even more than was expected.

The local officials will be settled in their new quarters to-day, and will be pleased to show visitors through. Call and see the beautiful structure.

### Good, Liberal Move.

Residents of Mazon avenue are bound to have water from the special assessment of the city if they have to pay for the pipes and everything else, and then pay for the water in addition. A move is being made, and we understand, with considerable success, to put in water pipes on Mazon avenue from the M. E. church west to school house right away, so as to enjoy the benefits to be derived during the hot, sultry summer months. The town will be privileged to buy the pipes back at any time. This work is to be done by private subscription and will cost about \$30 each resident.

It will indeed be funny if some skinflint or chronic kicker don't try to make a fuss about this before it is carried out. There are some men in this town who would kick if they were going to be hung, and then turn around and kick if they were not hung. But the improvements will go merrily on, if the people look after their own interests.

### How to Go At It.

A good way to make a beginning with gravel roads is to agree upon a certain road and file a petition for general taxation to accomplish the object. Such a petition must have fifty signers. The way in which roads have been graveled in the past, in many sections, was for the commissioners to apply what money they could each year to graveled, after having performed all other necessary work. The necessity of hard country roads has never been so forcibly demonstrated as this year, for the roads have never been so bad. The result has been damaging to the farming communities, as tillers of the soil have been wholly unable to do any hauling, and unless being close to a railroad station have scarcely been able to get away from their farms.

### Prime's Crop Bulletin.

We publish this week two articles from Prime's Crop Bulletin, one referring to his recent trip to Washington and the other regarding the improving of country roads. They are finely written articles and very interesting, and especially the one regarding roads should be read by all our local readers. The Crop Bulletin is printed at the STAR AND HERALD office, and this month Mr. Prime published a very large edition consisting of twelve pages; and no better edited or neater typographically paper is published anywhere. The Bulletin is increasing in popularity right along and we predict for it the grand future which it justly deserves.

### DePauw Quartette.

Here is what the Marion, Ind., Daily Chronicle says of the famous DePauw quartette, who appear at the M. E. church, next Thursday evening, the 24th:

The DePauw Quartette Company entertained a large number of Marion people at the Christian Temple last night. Nothing but praise is heard today of their performances from first to last. The singing was received with open admiration. Such a tenor as Harry Maxwell's has not often been heard in this city. An open welcome will always be extended the club from Marion. The admission is but 25 cents.

### Withdrawn.

With the fact in view undoubtedly that Livingston county has had the congressman for many years, Geo. W. Patton withdraws from the race. Many republicans in the county will be sorry to learn of this, but it may be for the best in the end:

LAW OFFICES OF G. W. PATTON }  
PONTIAC, ILL., March 15, 1892.  
MY DEAR SIR:—In view of the fact that a number of candidates in other counties of this congressional district have entered the race for congress since my former letter to you, I have become fully convinced that in order to make a proper and creditable canvass in the counties outside of Livingston I would have to close my law office and give my whole time to politics from now until the meeting of the district convention at Fairbury, May 2nd. In my judgment it would not be the part of wisdom for me to abandon my business for the uncertainties of a nomination. For these reasons I have concluded not to be a candidate for congress at the Fairbury convention. Whoever the Republicans of Livingston at our county convention March 29th; shall decide to present as their choice before the congressional convention will receive my cordial support. Let us all "touch elbows" in the line of battle for republican victory this year.

My former letter makes this one necessary, and I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for whatever kind words you may have spoken in my behalf.

Very truly yours,  
G. W. PATTON.

### Uniform Rank.

For some time the question of organizing a division here in connection with the Knights of Pythias lodge has been agitated by a number of its members. We understand that the movement is assuming definite shape and that in the near future a division will be formed here. This is a good thing, and such an organization will not only be a credit and benefit to the order here, but will also prove a feature of interest to our people. We have nothing but the highest words of commendation to extend to this order in their attempt to build it up and maintain an interest in its success among its members.

### A Wreck on the Alton.

A wreck occurred on the Alton near Spencer's hay press factory about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning. A freight train going north broke in two on the grade south of town, unknown to the engineer, and when the front part slacked up the rear half came on with a rush and crashed into the head section, ditching three cars, two loaded with cotton and one with merchandise. Eggs, groceries and cotton were mixed up together permissuously and two of the cars were knocked into smithereens.

### Sewerage.

Property is valued at from four to ten times what it was a year ago. Houses and lots sold two years ago for \$500 are placed at \$2,000 now. What has caused this? The success of the Leslie E. Keeley Co., and the magnificent improvements made by them. And still there are people in our midst who kick on a miserable \$27.75 on a lot for sewerage. The eye of a needle is a very large hole for some of them to crawl through. Indeed, some of them could go through without "touching a hair."

### Sleepy Pontiac.

The farmers around Dwight have raised \$5,700 in stock to start a butter and cheese factory. They know what will pay them. The factory will be erected at once.—Sentinel.

The same agent that visited Dwight visited Pontiac two weeks before and offered the same inducements as here, but a lack of enterprise let it slip. The farmers around Dwight are awake to their interests and when anything is offered them that is all right its no trouble to raise money. Four times as much could have been raised if needed.

### Senior Class Social.

The graduating class of the High School, assisted by the lower classes, cordially invite their relatives, friends, and the public to be present and participate in a social good time at the High School Room, West Side Building, Tuesday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock. Sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake will be served. Don't forget the date. Tuesday evening March 22nd. Paste this notice in your hat.

### Petit Jurors.

Joe Miller, E. Chester and J. A. Spencer are petit jurors for the first two weeks of the May term of the circuit court, also Adolph Stiger, Round Grove; Chas. Drew, Broughton; Milo Andrews and John Thompson of Sunbury. For the second two weeks there are none from Dwight, but H. P. Stitt, Andrew Longuecker, T. J. Corrigan and Hansom Blair, of Sunbury, will help render verdicts.

### To Rent.

Two nicely furnished rooms for rent. Enquire at this office.

## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

By Prof. Foster.

It will be well if directors employ their teachers at an early date for there is bound to be a shortage. Doubtless the charge will be made by thoughtless or designing people that the deficiency is caused because the superintendent makes the examination too hard. The friends of good schools may answer them that it is not true. The questions are based upon the book used in this county, so if they can not pass an examination they certainly can not teach them. Directors and patrons frequently say to me "Miss A is no good. She ought not to have a certificate. The pupils stick her in arithmetic every few days. You did wrong to give her a certificate." Friends, if any of your friends failed to get a certificate, you may be sure their failure was occasioned because they could not do seven out of ten examples found in Stoddard's or White's arithmetics, or the same proportion of work from other texts. All of you protest against a teacher of that kind being put in your school. Do not ask that they be put in some other.

The cause of the present shortage is due to the fact that wages have been cut down to a figure so low that those qualified for teaching could earn much better wages at other occupations, consequently have left school work. I believe that if a good school can not be maintained, it would be better to have none for a time, since a poor school is a very expensive luxury. A man's love for the common school is measured by what he is willing to pay the teacher. It is nothing short of hypocrisy for any one to shout "I believe in the little Red School House, the safety of our country depends upon our schools and their enemies are mine," and when called upon to employ a teacher, offer her the princely sum of \$18 per month. Ridiculous as it may seem, such instances have occurred in this county a number of times.

Directors, you have done many good things for your schools during the past year, things that have drawn the attention of the foremost educators of the state to Livingston county, and have earned just commendation on every hand. Now I beg of you not to be satisfied with what you have done for there is still much to accomplish. Look well to the teachers you employ. Be quick to help them when they need help, be quick to reprove when reproof is necessary. In short, the most important thing demanding your watchful and conscientious care at the present time, is that you procure the best teachers you can get, give them good wages and exact good service on the pain of dismissal.

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

In about one month will be the annual election of directors. It is the duty of every good citizen who is anxious for good schools to come out on election day and use their best endeavors to secure good able men and women to fill these responsible positions. Women have the right to vote at these elections. In many cases they have exceptionally good officers. I am certain that in no instance will our schools suffer because of lady directors. By all means get the best men and women, those who can and will find time to look after the welfare of education in their district.

If by any chance a director should be elected, who cannot read and write in the English language, they cannot hold the office. It will become the duty of any citizen of that district to prefer written charges to me, if he or she is aware of such a person filling the office of director, then it will become my duty to make an investigation, and if I find the charges true, to remove the persons complained of. If all concerned will do their duty, I assure them that mine will be done.

### TEACHERS' WAGES.

I am frequently asked what the wages of teachers will be this spring. It is not with me to fix the wages. I say to teachers, you know what you are worth. Demand what you can give value received for. To directors I say, if you want a good school you ought to be willing to give teachers good living wages. If you cannot do that, close up your school till you can accumulate enough to employ a good instructor. A poor school is a curse to any community. Do not attempt to maintain one. A teacher can not follow any other occupation if employed in school, seven to nine months in the year. Figure their board for fifty-two weeks in the year; figure the cost of clothing at least \$50 per year; figure the working time at from 7 to 8 months, and calculate what your teacher will have left at the close of the year, at the

salary you propose to pay her. Would you be willing to work for this amount?

### DISTRIBUTABLE FUND.

In consequence of the distribution of this fund being made on the census of 1880 as was done last year, Livingston county suffered a large decrease in her share of this fund, not having made any gain in population, while Chicago, or rather Cook county, received over \$100,000 more than last year. Several other counties enjoyed an increase in their fund also.

The warrants for the money are in my hands, but there is no money in the treasury to pay them, and will not be until the various collectors have settled with the treasurer. The payment through the collectors has been discontinued because of the great confusion resulting in many instances, at the time of their settlement with the treasurer. The fund due each township will be placed at their disposal at the earliest possible moment.

### Goodfarm.

Miss Edith Jones closed her school in District No. 4, Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Stevens is to return to her school in Dwight next week, having been at home on account of sickness.

Mr. James Thorp was relieved of being jurymen and returned to his home Tuesday.

The republicans held their caucus last Friday. The democratic caucus was held Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker are the proud possessors of another heir.

Mrs. Leach came home Saturday. She tells us her mother, Mrs. Mackey, who has been very sick is improving slowly.

Wood sawing is the principal work of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Robinson moved to their new home in Dwight Monday. They will be missed greatly by the neighbors, as they are a very pleasant, kind, and agreeable couple. We are very sorry to lose them, but what is our loss is Dwight's gain.

E. B. Stevens went to Chicago Saturday of last week.

The "rag bee" held at Mrs. B. C. Sinclair's Wednesday was well attended, and a great many rags were sewed. John Kilmer, was home from his school in Ohio, to attend the wedding of his brother.

### KILMER—JONES.

Mr. Walter Kilmer and Miss Edith L. Jones, both of Highland, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. Rev. Mrs. Newport, of Waupese, performed the ceremony.

The groom is one of Highland's best young men and the bride is an amiable young lady, well liked by all, and was one of Goodfarm's teachers for the past year.

The number present were about forty-five, consisting of relatives and a few friends. They received a great number of useful presents, as follows:

Set of silver tea and table spoons, silver sugar and cream spoon and butter knife, two salt and pepper casters, complete set of dishes, china toilet set, berry set, one dozen goblets, bracket and parlor lamp, two vases, knife box, clock and shelf, two pairs of towels, two table cloths, two handkerchiefs, pair of gloves, two neckties and veil, pair of sheets and pillow cases, one dozen celluloid napkin rings, one dozen glass napkin rings, paper holder; large picture, collection of tin ware, kitchen utensils, table set of chairs, two cows and some chickens.

We all wish the young couple a happy and prosperous life, and hope their cares and troubles on the sea of matrimony may be few.

### "The Mazon."

The new hotel on Mazon avenue in the burnt district is given the above very appropriate name. It has been leased by Mr. H. T. Loper, of Springfield, Ill., and will be opened about April 1. It will be run on the European plan, and will be very fine in every particular. It is the property of the Leslie E. Keeley Co.

Eyer Bros. have such a large amount of work in the plumbing line that it has been necessary for them to employ a first-class plumber to handle their work. They have secured the services of Mr. McLaughlin of Peoria, who has the reputation of being one of the best workmen in that city. They are now prepared to do all kinds of work in that line on the shortest notice, and warrant it to be as good if not better than can be secured in the city. Do not fail to call on them when in need of work in their line.

Any man who interferes with the present prosperity of Dwight by delaying improvements is not a good citizen and has not the interest of the town at heart.